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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that David Certy, Jr., 26, of Rush City, Minnesota, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to twelve months in prison for aiding and abetting a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine in February 2002. Certy pleaded guilty to that offense on July 29, 2005, and has been in federal custody since that date.

In February 2002, Certy assisted co-defendants Douglas Mudek and Jon Holt with the manufacture of methamphetamine in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. Certy's role consisted of obtaining some ingredients for the manufacture, and assisting in the process. This manufacture involved approximately one ounce of methamphetamine. Co-defendant Douglas Mudek pleaded guilty to this conspiracy in July 2005, and is scheduled to be sentenced on October 21, 2005. Co-defendant Jon Holt was convicted on August 3, 2005, of this conspiracy after a two-day jury trial in Madison, Wisconsin. Holt's sentencing is scheduled for October 25, 2005.

The charges against Certy were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations-Narcotics Bureau, the Burnett County Sheriff's Department, the Polk County Sheriff's Department, the Chisago County, Minnesota Sheriff's Office, and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal

Apprehension. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney

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